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### **Northeast Man Sentenced to Five Years in Prison For Lying to Police About Shooting Incident**

**Washington, D.C.** - Dante A. Vaughn, of the 600 block of Hamlin Street, NE, Washington, D.C., was sentenced today in D.C. Superior Court to five years in prison for repeatedly lying to police about an April 11, 2008, incident in which Vaughn was shot in the leg in the 1700 block of Lincoln Road, NE, announced U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. Vaughn, also known as "Little Head," was found guilty after a jury trial on January 7, 2010, of three counts of Obstruction of Justice. Judge James A. Boasberg presided over the trial, and sentenced the defendant.

The evidence at trial established that on April 11, 2008, Dante A. Vaughn was shot once in the leg in a drive-by shooting at the corner of Lincoln Road and Randolph Place, NE. The shooting occurred directly under an MPD crime camera. At the hospital that night, Vaughn lied to the police about the location of the shooting in order to prevent the police from being able to investigate the case. He also directed his then fiancé to lie to the police about where the shooting took place. One month later, when reinterviewed by police, Vaughn again lied in order to obstruct the police investigation. Vaughn's shooting was seen as pivotal by police investigators because his shooting touched off a round of retaliation in April and May of 2008 between the T Street and Todd Place Crews of Northeast Washington, D.C. Those shootings claimed two lives and resulted in over 15 persons being shot.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen commended the dedicated and outstanding work of MPD Homicide Detectives Carter Adams, Harbin "Dean" Combee, Anthony

Greene and James Wilson, Fifth District Officers Jonathan Jordan, Carlos Heraud and James Sulla, and Court Supervision and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) Officer Nicole Dotson. He further commended the outstanding efforts of United States Attorney's Office (USAO) Paralegal Specialist Ethel Gregory, USAO Litigation Technology Unit specialist Ron Royal, and AUSA David Saybolt who investigated and prosecuted the case at trial.

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